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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SEAN WILLIAMS :

CIVIL ACTION - LAW

Plaintiff

: NO.:

V.

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CW TRANSPORT, LLC and

SAED A. ABDULLE

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Defendants

# **DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

AND NOW, come Defendants, CW Transport, LLC ("CW Transport") and Saed A. Abdulle ("Abdulle") (collectively "Defendants") by and through their counsel, Stephen E. Geduldig, Esquire, Megan C. Zei, Esquire and Pion, Nerone, Girman, Winslow & Smith, P.C., hereby REMOVE the above-captioned lawsuit pursuant to 28 Pa. C.S. § 1441, *et seq.* from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, where it has been assigned docket number

210501770, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and in support of same aver as follows:

## **Removal is Timely**

- 1. On May 20, 2021, Plaintiff filed a Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania at docket number 210501770. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Complaint is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A."**
- 2. According to the Complaint, the accident that forms the basis of Plaintiffs' Complaint occurred on November 6, 2019 on Route 901, east of Valley Road in Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. <u>Id.</u> at ¶ 4.
- 3. Undersigned counsel received a copy of Plaintiffs' Complaint on May 27, 2021.
  - 4. Undersigned counsel has not accepted service on behalf of Defendants.
- 5. The status of service of Plaintiff's Complaint is unknown to undersigned counsel at this juncture.
- 6. Thus, removal is being made within the time permitted by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2)(B), as removal is being filed within thirty (30) days of filing of Plaintiffs' Complaint, which was only filed on May 20, 2021.

# Diversity of Citizenship Exists Under 28 U.S.C. § 1332

- 7. Upon information and belief, and according to the Complaint, Plaintiff is of and domiciled in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. See Ex. A, at ¶ 1.
- 8. Abdulle is a resident of and domiciled in the State of Minnesota. <u>Id.</u> at ¶ 3.
- 9. According to the Complaint, is a corporation with a principal place of business at 1005 Caroline Drive, Federalsburg, Maryland 21632. Id. at ¶ 2.
  - 10. Therefore, complete diversity exists between the parties.
- 11. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants caused her severe and permanent serious bodily injuries, including injuries to his neck, low back, left leg, left knee right ankle and severe shock to the nerves and nervous system. <u>Id.</u> at  $\P$  6.
- 12. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants caused him to suffer a loss of earnings and an impairment of his earning capacity and power. <u>Id.</u> at ¶ 7.
  - 13. Plaintiff also seeks damages for past and future medical expenses. <u>Id.</u>
- 14. Plaintiff alleges damages for pain and suffering, mental anguish, humiliation, and loss of life's pleasures. Id. at ¶ 10.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although Plaintiff's Complaint alleges that CW Transport is a corporation with principal place of business in Maryland, CW Transport is actually a Minnesota limited liability company with a business address of 426 Concordia Avenue, Apt. D, St. Paul, Minnesota 55103. Regardless, complete diversity exists among the parties.

- 15. Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants in a sum in excess of the jurisdictional limits for compulsory arbitration (\$50,000). See Ex. A.
- 16. If all of Defendants' defenses fail, and if Plaintiff proves all of his damages, the damages would exceed \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 17. Therefore, the amount in controversy in the state court action, exclusive of interests and costs, exceeds \$75,000.00.

# **Diversity Jurisdiction is Satisfied**

- 18. Based on the above, this Honorable Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 in that Plaintiff's Complaint presents a case where the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between citizens of different states.
- 19. Upon confirmation of filing and docketing, notice of this instant Notice of Removal will be given to all parties as well as to the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).
- 20. As of June 7, 2021, the only pleadings filed in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas are Plaintiff's Complaint and undersigned counsel's Entry of Appearance. A true and correct copy of the docket is attached hereto as **Exhibit** "B."

21. The current action pending in the Court of Common Pleas of

Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania is within the jurisdiction of the United States

District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and, for the reasons stated

above, removal of this action to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania is just and

proper under the law.

In filing this Notice of Removal, Defendants do not waive any 22.

affirmative defenses they may assert in this within action, nor should any statements

in this Notice be construed as admissions to the allegations in Plaintiff's Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Defendants, CW Transport, LLC and Saed A. Abdulle,

respectfully request that this case be removed from the Court of Common Pleas of

Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania to the United States District Court for the Eastern

District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

PION, NERONE, GIRMAN,

WINSLOW & SMITH, P.C.

Date: June 7, 2021

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Megan C. Zei, Esquire, of the law firm of Pion, Nerone, Girman, Winslow & Smith, P.C., counsel for the Defendants, hereby state that a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Notice of Removal* was served upon all parties via electronic case filing, on this date as follows:

Lawrence G. Metzger, Esquire Metzger & Kleiner Two Penn Center, Suite 1204 1500 John F. Kennedy Boulevard Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102 Attorney for Plaintiff

PION, NERONE, GIRMAN, WINSLOW & SMITH, P.C.

Date: June 7, 2021

MEGAN C. ZEI, ESQUIRE

# EXHIBIT A

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> COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

7144 Upland Street Philadelphia, PA 19142 VS. CW TRANSPORT, LLC 1005 Caroline Drive Federalsburg, MD 21632 ANDSAED A. ABDULLE

SEAN WILLIAMS

426 Concord Avenue – Apt. D St. Paul, MN 55103

TERM, 2021

NO 01770

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- The plaintiff, Sean Williams, at times hereinafter mentioned, was in a passenger in a motor vehicle involved in the hereinafter mentioned accident.
- 2. The defendant, CW Transport, LLC, is a duly registered corporation doing business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 3. The defendant, CW Transport, LLC, at all times hereinafter mentioned, operated and controlled another motor vehicle involved in the hereinafter mentioned accident, through its agent, servant, workman and/or employee, defendant, Saed A. Abdulle.
- 4. On or about November 6, 2019, at approximately 12:05 p.m., at Rt. 901 east of Valley Road, Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, the said motor vehicles were involved in a collision.
- 5. The aforesaid motor vehicle collision was caused by the carelessness, recklessness and negligence of the defendants and consisted of the following:
- (a) Operation of defendants' motor vehicle at a high and excessive rate of speed under the circumstances;
- (b) Failure to have defendants' motor vehicle under proper and adequate control under the circumstances;
- (c) Failure to have due regard for the point and position of said motor vehicle containing the plaintiff;
- (d) Violation of the pertinent statutes and ordinances of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
  - (e) Otherwise failing to exercise due care under the circumstances.

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- 6. By reason of the above-described occurrence, plaintiff sustained serious bodily injuries in and about the head, body and extremities including, but not limited to injury to his neck, low back, left leg, left knee and right ankle, and a severe shock to the nerves and nervous system which injuries are or may be permanent.
- 7. Plaintiff has or may suffer a loss of earnings and earning capacity, and plaintiff has incurred and may continue to incur various medical expenses in and about an effort to cure plaintiff of the aforesaid injuries, which expenses may exceed the minimum medical benefits and income loss benefits as defined by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa. C.S. Section 1701 et seq.
- 8. As a further result of the aforesaid, plaintiff sustained a "serious injury" as that term is defined in the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law.
- 9. As a result of the aforesaid crash, the plaintiff was prevented from engaging in plaintiff's normal daily duties and activities of daily living for a substantial period of time, to plaintiff's great damage and loss, and said limitations may continue into the future.
- As a further result of the aforesaid, plaintiff suffered serious impairments of body functions for a significant period of time following the crash, and plaintiff has suffered severe physical pain, mental anguish, humiliation and loss of enjoyment of life, and plaintiff may continue to suffer same for an indefinite period of time in the future.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant in a sum in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), plus any expenses which may exceed the minimum medical benefits and income loss benefits as defined by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa. C.S. Section 1701 et seq. The amount sued upon is in excess of that requiring submission to arbitration.

METZGER & KLEINER BY:

LAWRENCE G. METZGER ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

#### **VERIFICATION**

SEAN WILLIAMS hereby states that he is the plaintiff herein and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint In Civil Action are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, and are based upon information which he has furnished his counsel and on information which has been gathered by his counsel in the preparation of the lawsuit.

The language in the Complaint is that of counsel, not plaintiff. Plaintiff has read the Complaint, and to the extent that it is based upon information which he has given his counsel, it is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

To the extent that the content of the Complaint is that of counsel, plaintiff has relied upon counsel in making this Verification. This Verification is subject to 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904 which provides for certain penalties for making false statements.

# **EXHIBIT B**





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## **Case Description**

**Case ID:** 210501770

Case Caption: WILLIAMS VS CW TRANSPORT, LLC ETAL

Filing Date: Wednesday, May 19th, 2021

Court: MAJOR NON JURY EXPEDITED

Location: City Hall Jury: NON JURY

Case Type: MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Status: WAITING TO LIST CASE MGMT CONF

#### **Related Cases**

No related cases were found.

#### **Case Event Schedule**

No case events were found.

#### Case motions

No case motions were found.

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